

Application No.: 10/801,937
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Remarks

Claims 1-15 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Cancelled claims 1-15 are being incorporated into U. S. Patent Application No. 10/786,984 which has pending claims reciting several elements in common with claims 1-15. In addition, new claims 22-51 are incorporated herein. Claims 22-39, 41-51 were originally filed in various family related applications (U. S. Patent Application No. 10/802,539, U. S. Patent Application No. 10/786,808, U. S. Patent Application No. 10/778,466 and U. S. Patent Application No. 10/786,984) having claims reciting certain combinations of elements in common with the pending claims of the present application. In the various family related applications from which they originated, the claims corresponding to claims 22-39, 41-51 are being cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer.

With the present Amendment and remarks, applicants hope to remove possible grounds for obviousness-type double patenting rejections.

Accordingly, in view of the above amendments and remarks, applicants respectfully request reconsideration and passage to allowance of the application.

If the Examiner believes that contact with applicants' attorney would be advantageous toward the disposition of this case, the Examiner is herein requested to call applicants' representative at the phone number listed below.

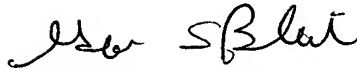
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